

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 558

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate City University School of Liberal Arts' student body, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's first National Honor Society Induction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding schools that, through the dedicated efforts of their students, teachers, and administrators, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, City University School of Liberal Arts, located in Memphis, is one such estimable institution that has distinguished itself through excellent teaching, quality learning experiences, and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2002 by Robert Lemoyne Robinson, City University School of Liberal Arts, a division of the Influence¹ Foundation, is a college preparatory high school based on a liberal arts core curriculum; and

WHEREAS, City University School of Liberal Arts provides academically rigorous and socially enriching educational opportunities for its scholars; upon graduation, its students will be better prepared to enter college as intellectually sophisticated citizens with a vigor for learning; and

WHEREAS, City University School of Liberal Arts is a tuition-free public charter school that any child, regardless of his or her past academic record, can attend; and

WHEREAS, students from City University School of Liberal Arts have participated in many scholarship programs, including Nestle Very Best in Youth, Biomedical Symposium, Rotary Prep Program, Florida A and M Summer Program, *Proud Magazine's* 100 Best in Youth, and the St. Louis Science Summer Reading Program; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the occasion of the school's first National Honor Society Induction; the National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to

recognize outstanding high school students; more than just an honor roll, the National Honor Society serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character; these characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921; and

WHEREAS, the inductees to the R. Lemoyne Robinson Chapter of the National Honor Society are: Daijia R. Shields, Cory D. Atkins, and Timonesha J. Holmes; and

WHEREAS, City University School of Liberal Arts welcomed 140 ninth graders in the fall of 2004, and has grown a grade level each year; the school currently serves approximately 230 students in grades nine through eleven, with the twelfth grade set to begin at the start of the next school year; and

WHEREAS, though recently established, the City University School of Liberal Arts has expeditiously cultivated a convivial atmosphere of academic excellence; the school's remarkable success in preparing young scholars for college is directly attributable to the tireless efforts of its teachers, students, staff, and administrators; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to seize this golden opportunity to specially recognize a paragon of quality education; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate City University School of Liberal Arts' student body, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's first National Honor Society Induction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend the school for its stalwart commitment to preparing Tennessee's youth for their future success in post secondary education and as intellectually sophisticated citizens, and we offer our wishes for the school's continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.